



Saint George

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Diplomacy is arranging a Balance of Power with your thumb on the scales.

So far this month I have discovered that: I am the father of a baby by the Empress of Italy; some people would rather have their country disappear than be moved by a standby; my boss has quit; no one at work has any idea of what I've been expected to do for the past two years; and eight rooms of furniture, three people, and a dog do not fit into a two-bedroom condominium. And this is only the fifth of the month. If anyone out there is interested in the acquisition of a Dalmatian who has a cronic staph infection which precludes her being spayed, who bites friends and licks the hands of strangers, please, PLEASE write at once.

There are a few changes in this issue, including the opening of a new game. Details may be had on page 2.

The rest of my scintillating first page this issue will be devoted to trying to attract the attention of my traders, who evidently aren't reading this zine, because trades are still going to my old address. The table of contents is below.

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The nature and inevitability of change

First the matter of my deadlines. I have always had the deadline the first Saturday of the month. They will now be the second Saturday of the month. I never realized until I began publishing exactly how many things go on the first week of the month. I have been finding it extremely difficult to get Saint George done and do the things necessary for the running of my life. So this season, whatever it is for the game you are in, will run one week longer than usual. After that I will be back on a monthly schedule.

Next the matter of "Moonman"...it will no longer be carried. Those of you who actually read this zine will have noticed that it is not in this issue.((I'm afraid not too many do read this, since all my trade copies are still being sent to my old address)) The reason for this is quite simple. The original author no longer sends me episodes. In the past I have supplied episodes, but the pressures of time dictate a general falling off of the quality. I don't have the time to write good episodes, and apparently, neither does the author. To replace the space normally taken up by "Moonman", I am opening another game. This shall be the last until one of the original games ends. Preference for signing up shall be on the following basis: 1. Subs who have taken a standby position. 2. Subbers. 3. New blood 4. Players now in a game. The game fee is on a new basis. If you now sub, or have taken a stanby position, the game fee is \$1.00 plus maintenance of a sub. If you are new to Saint George, the game fee is \$1.00 plus maintenace of a sub. If you are an original player, or are presently trading, the game fee is \$2.00 plus you will be required to sub when your game ends, or the trade is cancelled by you. Note to traders: I will not cancel a trade. If you cancel, or cease to publish then you will have to sub. I hope that's clear to everyone.

Then the matter of standbys...In the past, I have tried to insure that every country has a move every season. This policy has met with some approval and some criticism. Henceforth, the only season that is so guaranteed is Spring, 1901. If you miss on any other season, your units are just going to sit there. A dislodged unit will be allowed to retreat, since a standby will be provided on the second miss. Two consecutive misses and the standby takes over the position. This is going to mean that standby positions won't be as good as they have been in the past, since a country can get really racked by one miss, but that seems to be the way some of you want it. I will not take the responsibility of administering General Orders. I suggest you mail a set of moves early, and revise them as needed. I hope you all enjoy the changes; I know I will.

Right into the games....

1976BA The Basilisk Winter, 1902

France; builds A Brest
Russia: builds A Moscow

1976BA The Basilisk Spring, 1903

GERMANY HIT FROM ALL SIDES

Austria(Hessel) A BOH-mun, A TYO S A BOH-mun, A srb-TRI,
A gre-SMY, F AEG C A gre-SMY
England(Rogowski) F SWE S F ska-DEN, F ENG C A wal-BEL,
A wal-BEL, F ska-DEN, F pic-BRE
France(McLendon) A bre-GAS, A PAR-bur, A spa-POR, F por-MAO
Germany(MannII) F bel-HOL, A BUR S A SIL-mun, A SIL-mun,
A PRU-lvn, A den-kiel(d, a)
Italy(Brendlinger) F lyo-SPA(SC), F WES S F lyo-SPA(SC),
F TUN S F WES, A MAR S F lyo-SPA(SC),
A VEN-tyo
Russia(Anderson) F BLA-con, A BUL S F BLA-con, A ARM S A*H
A gre-SMY, A MOS-lvn, A BER-kiel, F BAL-pru,
A WAR-sil
Turkey(Rittel) F CON S A smy, F ANK S F CON, A smy S F CON
(A smy d, r - syr, otb)

The German army in Denmark is annihilated. The Turkish army in Smyrna must retreat to Syria or off the board. Underlined orders cannot be carried out. CAPS denote final resting place of unit. See page one for an explanation of the new deadline. Fall orders may be made conditional upon the retreat of the Turkish unit. COA: Richard S. Anderson, 285 S. 13th St., San Jose, CA 95112.

DEADLINE FOR FALL, 1903 IS OCTOBER 9, 1976, 3:00 PM CDT

1976BA PRESS

Berlin-Vienna(no dateline); I know we had a tri-alliance. If one of the parties to it stabbed another, the remaining party would come to his aid. You have broken the alliance. You had better be sure of his moves. I will give you a second chance to reconsider.

St. Petersburg(no dateline)

There once was a ruler of Germany,
Who tried conquering countries through duplicity.
The others got wise,
And saw through his lies,
So they decided to put the Imperialist running dog out of his misery.
Besides...with all that foaming at the mouth he was obviously rabid.

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And next... 1976R Medusa Fall, 1903



TURKEY'S CONDITION WORSENS-EVERYONE ELSE STAYS PAT

MEDUSA

Austria(McArdle) F AEG-smv, A APU-rome, A TUS S A APU-rome,
F ADR-ion, A tyo-VEN, A TRI S A tyo-VEN
 England(Rittel) F edi-NTH, F STP(NC) holds, F NWY S F STP(NC),
F MAO-spa(nc), A WAL Holds
 France(Happel) F spa(sc)-POR, A MAR-spa, F bre-ENG, A gas-BRE,
A PIC holds
 Germany(Cohen) F hol-BEL, A bel-BUR, A RUHR S A bel-BUR,
A MUN S A bel-BUR, A SIL-war, A LVN S A SIL-war,
A swe-FIN
 Italy(Drews) A ven-tus(d, r-PIE, OTB), A ROME S a ven-tus,
F ION-apu
 Russia(Rauscher) A WAR holds, A MOS S A WAR, A BUL S F bla-CON,
F bla-CON, F ARM-ank
 Turkey(Nurse) F con-bla(d, a), A ANK-con, F SMY S A ANK-con

The Italian unit must retreat from Venice; the Turkish unit in Con is annihilated. Underlined orders cannot be carried out. CAPS denote final resting place of unit. Orders for Winter may be made conditional upon the Italian retreat. Cecil Nurse informs us that he is once again at the following address: Apt. 903, 60 Pavane Linkway, Toronto, Ontario, M3C 1A2

SUPPLY CENTER CHART 1903 Medusa 1976R

AUSTRIA: bud, gre, srb, tri, ven, vie.....6, even
 ENGLAND: edi lvp, lon, nwy, stp.....5, even
 FRANCE: bre, mar par, por, spa.....5, even
 GERMANY: bel, ber, den, hol, kiel, mun, swe.....7, even
 ITALY: nap, rome, tun.....3, even, or build one if
 A VEN r OTB
 RUSSIA: mos, bul, rum, sev, war, CON.....6, build 1
 TURKEY: ank, ~~con~~, smy.....2, even, 1 annihilated

Winter 1903 and Spring, 1904 will be due together. The spring moves may be made conditional upon the winter builds and removals.

DEADLINE FOR WINTER, 1903 AND SPRING, 1904 is OCTOBER 9, 1976, 3 PM CDT

1976R PRESS

Smyrna(no dateline) In the only safe place in the Turkish Empire, a Snapping Turk lounged on his doorstep, delivering a powerful sermon to passers-by. "Have you seen the invading armies? Sometimes they're white and sometimes they're red. They're white with fear when they see a Turk and they're red with alcohol when they've killed him. Their mettle has a very tinny sound and their war cries are a tiny sound. They rob from the peasants and give to the Tsar, and worst of all, they step on flowers."

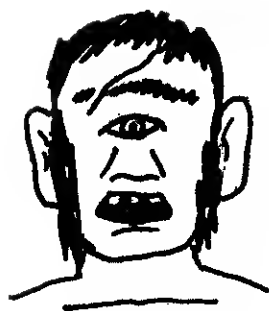
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And finally.... 1976BM

Cyclops

Fall, 1902

ENGLAND FINDS A FRIEND, BUT NOBODY LOVES TURKEY



CYCLOPS

Austria(Muchnik) A tye-VIE, A tri-SRB, A BUD H, F GRE S A BUL,
A BUL S F GRE
England(Doehrer) A swe-DEN, F SKA S A swe-DEN, F NRG-nth,
F ENG S F NRG-nth
France(Levy) F mao-IRI, F BRE-eng, A bur-GAS, F LYO-tyn,
A BEL H, A SPA H
Germany(Gemignani) F hol-NTH, F HEL S F hol-NTH, A sil-WAR,
A MUN H, A den h(d, r-KIEL, OTB)
Italy(Kelly) F WES-tyn, F ION S Aus F gre-aeg(nso), A rome-TUS,
A ven-PIE
Russia(Bresslour)(f SWE retreated to BAL) F BAL S Eng A swe-DEN,
A stp-LVN, F NWY H, A rum-SEV, A ank h(d, a)
Turkey(Spiegel)(A bul retreated to CON, A ank retreated to SMY)
A SMY S A arm-ANK, A CON S A arm-ANK,
F AEG S A CON

The German army must retreat from Denmark; the Russian army in Ankara is annihilated. Underlined orders cannot be carried out. CAPS denote final resting place of unit. COA: Larry Bresslour, 21 Park Vale, Apt. 10, Allston, MA 01234. Winter builds may be made conditional on the German retreat.

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SUPPLY CENTER CHART

1902

Cyclops

1976BM

|          |                                                    |     |                                    |
|----------|----------------------------------------------------|-----|------------------------------------|
| AUSTRIA: | bud, gre, srb, tri, vie, BUL.....                  | 6,  | build 1                            |
| ENGLAND: | edi, lvp, lon, <del>ny</del> , DEN.....            | 4,  | even                               |
| FRANCE:  | bel, bre, mar, par, por, spa.....                  | 6,  | even                               |
| GERMANY: | ber, <del>den</del> , hol, kiel, mun, WAR.....     | 5,  | even, or build 1 if<br>A den r OTB |
| ITALY:   | nap, rome, tun, ven.....                           | 4,  | even                               |
| RUSSIA:  | mos, rum, stp, sev, swe, <del>war</del> , NWY..... | 6,  | build one, 1 annihilated           |
| TURKEY:  | ank, <del>bul</del> , con, amy.....                | 3,  | remove 1                           |
|          |                                                    | 34, | total                              |

Spring, 1903 orders will be due with Winter, 1902 builds and may be made conditional upon them.

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DEADLINE FOR WINTER, 1902 & SPRING, 1903 IS OCTOBER 9, 1976 3PM CDT  
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1976BM PRESS

Germany(no dateline): I always keep my promises...one way or other.

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1976BA PRESS

Budapest (21 March, 1903, SHFP): News of the war against the Hohenzol-  
lern Empire was swept off the pages of the capital's newspapers today  
as rampant speculation concerning the disappearance of Emperor Rudolph  
mounted to a seemingly unpeakable frenzy. A morbid, but undeniable,  
fascination even swept away the normally rigidly distinctive class  
lines, as Gentlemen and Ladies eagerly swapped the latest rumors with  
valets and maids, and manual laborers and shopkeepers alike discussed  
nothing else...and for the eighth consecutive day, Emperor Rudolph  
failed to put in an appearance at any public function.

One report, circulated widely today, alleged that Archduchess Eliza-  
beth, the Emperor's mother, had declared a conspiracy to murder her  
son to exist. The 66-year old Elizabeth, who abruptly cut short a  
winter retreat in Italy to arrive in Budapest yesterday, had made sim-  
ilar allegations in 1889, when the then Archduke Rudolph was discovered  
half-poisoned on a bed with a fully-poisoned young woman; again in 1891,  
when he almost drowned attempting to float down the Danube in an open-  
ended barrel, and once again in 1896, when he was nearly killed in the  
crash of the Austrian Army's first Aeroplane, which he'd insisted on  
testing personally. However, Imperial spokesmen labeled the report a  
"fabrication".

This afternoon, in an apparent attempt to stem the unease, Prime Min-  
ister Eötvös issued a statement to the effect that Emperor Rudolph,  
with whom he claimed to have had an audience this morning, was in  
"excellent health". However, an Imperial spokesmen, when asked to con-  
firm the Prime Minister's statement, said that "the Emperor had no  
plans to see anyone this morning."

It is totally unclear at this time what, if any, international reper-  
cussions might result. The Italian ambassador for one refused all  
comment on that aspect of the matter, although not hesitating to spe-  
culate openly that the Emperor had "indulged in yet another silly,  
melodramatic suicide attempt." With Imperial spokesmen consistently  
denying every allegation concerning the Emperor's state of health, good  
and bad, as well as any speculations as to his whereabouts, if any,  
that aspect will no doubt remain the most prevalent in people's minds  
for the present.

Italy(no dateline) As we last saw, the Empress of Italy had borne her  
first child. While the governesses were fussing with the child, as the  
Empress slept and relaxed the first week or so, they wondered who the  
mysterious father was. Little did they suspect that he was right in  
their midst...no, he wasn't the Austrian Prime minister; no it wasn't  
the German Chancellor, nor was it the French Premier, who she hated  
with a passion. It was...Saint George ! Yes, it was none other than old  
George himself.

When could it have happened ? Well, you all heard how St. George  
went to the Origins II, and how he bragged about winning best Germany,  
didn't you ? Well, how do you think he got that title ? ((I though the  
award was for good board play, not good fore-play)) And you know how  
those silly conventions are. So one thing lead to another, and there  
you have it...UN POCO BAMBINO....

You all write George for your announcement and the little tyke's name,  
((How about Errato?)) the Empress is just to tired to have any more  
press agents today.

CIAO

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1976R PRESS

((First some notes. Thanks to Marty Gilchrist for his standby moves, although they weren't needed. And COA: Gary Cohen, 701-2 Curtis Way, Menlo Park, CA 94025.))

Berlin(January, 1903) "What if they gave a War and Nobody cared ?"  
Fritz Hoffmeier, "Der Spiele"

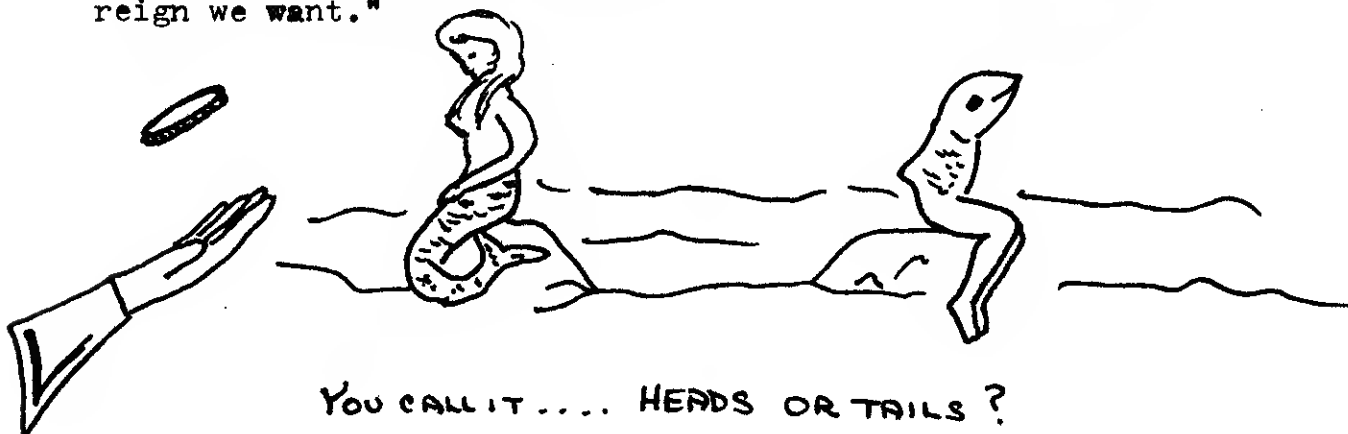
It's very strange the way the Great Powers are conducting this general conflagration. Battles are being fought, men are dying, but nobody seems to care. Communications between the various heads of state have been sporadic and confusing. No one seems to know what the war is being fought for, much less why. Several trips to the Reichstrasse to try to get some information from the General Satff resulted in vague evasions and suggestions that "you try again tomorrow." Reichschancellor Bethman-Holweg has been impossible to reach - it is reported that he has changed his residence four times in as many months in order to avoid the approbation of the press and public. Confusion has been the master at the capitol almost since the war began. The decision to attack both France and Russia, ostensibly part of some master plan, seems actually to have evolved from an inability to decide on policy. The government has proved incapable of even getting together on stories for public release on how (or where) the war is going. Reports from foreign capitols indicate that things are not much better. Already Turkey's government has changed hands, and Italy's is not stable. And still the people go on sacrificing. This reporter asks - How long will they continue to do so without being told why?

((This press release arrived too late for inclusion in last issue. We hope the Italian Government is now stable.))

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1976BM PRESS

London--Having secured the English Channel, the Lord Protector has ordered Commonwealth naval forces to regain the North Sea at all costs. He also ordered that an army unit search Denmark, where the exiled Royal Family was reported last seen. "It's not the Crown Jewels we're after," he told a drough-parched London mob. "It's the reign we want."



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## CANDIDATES FOR KNIGHTHOOD



I have not listed game fees nor sub rates since they are subject to change. I have listed the number of the current issue which helps to establish the reliability of a zine and the date of the current issue. I have indicated whether a zine has openings or not. I suggest you send a SSAE for a copy before you decide to sub or play. Zines are a personal thing; find a zine you like and are comfortable with before you send in money.

A.D.A.G.#112(Harold Naus, 1011 Barrett Ave., Chula Vista, CA 92011)8/28/76  
carries 11 games of regular; has openings in a variant called World War III only. Carries no press or articles. No subs sought.  
BROTHERHOOD OF THIEVS Vol.II, No.4(Ferkin Doyle, 639 Bainbridge St., Philadelphia, PA 19147) 7/28/76

Up to now has been carrying only an orphan. Is now ready to expand. has game openings in regular, 1600; Youngstown, Wars of the Roses. Is running a variant play-testing service. If you have a variant you would like tested for playability, or would like to participate in testing new variants, write Ferkin. Also carries articles, rules for 2 variants, and map of a third.

BUHM(Walter Luc Haas, Postfach 7, CH-4024 Basel 24, Schweiz)#17  
Subs available through ISE, Edi Birsan, Apt 302, 35-35 75th Street, Jackson Heights, NY 11372 7/76

Carries many games, international hobby news, zine reviews. 2 game openings. A really huge zine, so include extra postage for a sample.  
BUSHWACKER(Fred C. Davis, Jr., 3012 Oak Green Ct., Ellicott City, MD 21043) # Vol. V, No. 9 8/76

Exclusively a variant zine. Carries five variant games, unsure whether there are any game openings - write and ask. Also carries hobby news and news of the sub-hobby of variants.

CENTURION #25(Russell Fox, 5160 Donna Avenue, Tarzana, CA 91356) 8/22/76  
Carries 14 games of regular and Youngstown. has revised Houserules and extensive zine reviews. Maps to variants are on the backs of pages. has game openings.

COMMAND #9(Dennis Agosta, 9 Finlay Pl., Newark, NJ 07601) 8/20/76

Carries 6 regular games, one variant and press and articles. Has openings in: Wooden Ships & Iron Men, Nuclear Destruction, Reg. Dip, Origins and Bourse.

THE DECK OF MANY THINGS #6(Anthony Kniaz, 3975 Haverhill, Detroit, MI 48224) 8/3/76

Carries 10 games(using 6 GM's), articles and wargaming news for the Detroit area. If you are in this area, The Deck is invaluable in getting around and finding opponents. No game openings.

DIMAN# 23 (B.E.Hessel, 15 Oak Avenue, Tarrytown, NY 10591) 8/14/76

Carries 5 games and LOTS of press, also carries letters of general interest and notes of the pubbers activities. No game openings.

DIPLOMACY WORLD Vol. 3, No.2(Walter Buchanan, R.R.#3, Box 324, Lebanon, IN 46052) Summer, 1976

Genzine. There's too much to say about this in this amount of space.

If you are not getting this, do so. No one can operate in the hobby without DW. It's the one zine to have when you're having more than one.

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CANDIDATES FOR KNIGHTHOOD ( continued )

THE DIPLOMAT #92(Rod Walker, "alcala" 1273 Crest Drive, Encinitas CA 92024) 8/3/76

Carries 1 regular game, 1 variant - 2001. Also carries a modest amount of press. No game openings, but needs standbys. Some of the positions are quite good.

DIPPY Vol. 4, no.11(Jim Benes, 417 S. Stough St., Hinsdale, IL 60521)

Carries threegames with brief press. Has openings in a fourth. Is an absolute model of regularity. If you want your game reports on time, every time, this is THE zine. Tell him Saint George sent you. 8/22/76

EREWHON #98 (Rod Walker, "Alcala", 1273 Crest Drive, Encinitas, CA 92024) 8/1/76

Carries two games and press; loves press. also carries articles and the continuing saga of the evil TDA. Has game openings. Is currently suffering Dippy depression, so drop him a line and cheer him up. Has a good sense of humor which shows in his zine.

EVERYTHING\* #27(Chintimini Enterprises, 2115 N.W. Elder St. Corvallis, OR 97330) 7/1/76

The official organ of the Boardman numbers co-custodians. Has long article on the Boardman numbers vis-a-vis Avalon Hill. Also contains list of recently assigned numbers, and recently completed game statistics.

GRAUSTARK #351(John Boardman, 234 E. 19th St., Brooklyn, NY 11226)

The original bulletin of postal Diplomacy. Carries 11 games, press, articles, and is also highly regular. Apparently no game openings, but you might ask.

LIAISONS DANGEREUSES #73(Lenard Lakofka 644 W. Briar Place, Chicago, IL 60657) 8/16/76

Carries novice games and has openings in such. Who constitutes a novice is not clear; check with Len. Also carries a wealth of information pertaining to D&D.

PAROXYSM #36 (Harry Drews, P.O.Box 282, Kitchener, Ontario N2G 3X9)8/22/76

Carries reviews of wargames, articles on the hobby, games. Has game openings, but whether they are open to everyone or only Canadians is not clear.

POICTESME #27 (Bruce Schlickbernd, 6194 E. 6th Dt. Long Beach, CA 90803) NO DATE

Bruce is apparently going to cease publication when the games he is now carrying end, so I recommend you save your money.

REBUS SIC STANIBUS #9(Drew McGee, 100 Belmont Place, Apt. 6-J, Staten Island, NY 10301) 8/76

Is carrying 2 regular games and one of Grand Tournament Diplomacy. Has openings in regular. This issue has capsule biographies of the players, and Aunt Vitkunna's advice to the war-torn.

RURITANIA #27(Tony Watson, 201 Minnesota, Las Vegas, NV 89107) 8/76

Has article and editorial on the proposed revised IDA constitution. Has game openings.

SPECULUM#35(Dave Kadlecsek, 1447 Sierra Creek Way, San Jose, CA 95132)8/10/76

Primarily a variant zine, has openings in Scacchomacy, Sword & Sorcery Diplomacy, Chinese Diplomacy and maybe Third Age. Also carries articles including letters from Lew Pulsipher(who may or may not be God in disguise. His letters tend to sound like commandments.)

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14th STAB(Charles Spiegel, 515 York Rd 3F, Willow Grove, PA 19090) No DATE  
Carries 4 games, press, D&D review. Had game openings in June, but I  
haven't seen an issue since, so I don't know whether they are still  
available.

carries one game, articles and opinions, zine reviews. Haven't seen a recent copy and have heard that his address has changed. Has game openings, but don't send money until you find out whether your letter is forwarded. It's a nice zine. There's no question as to Richard's dependability, only his current address.

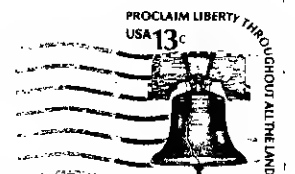
I'M sure I've received a more recent copy, but I don't know where I put it. (No, I checked there.) This is a genzine. It carries opponents wanted ads, ads to buy or sell, articles on wargames, reviews. Useful for a broad view of the entire wargaming hobby.

Carries two games, cartoon, plugs, editorial and article on play by The Ronald Kelly. Has game openings. Current issue has House Rules.

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